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State of South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff Attn: Water and Wastewater Dept. 1401 Main Street, Suite 900 Columbia, SC 29201 SMU / JIAM

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Re: PSC Docket No. 2012-289-W

Cliff Ridge Colony Homeowners Association, Inc., Application for Exemption from Regulation by South Carolina Public Service Commission: Supplemental Submissions

Dear Sir or Madam:

Reference is hereby made to that certain Application for Exemption from Regulation dated July 13, 2012 (the "Application"), by Cliff Ridge Colony Homeowners Association, Inc. (the "Association"), which has been assigned Docket No. 2012-289-W. By letter of July 13, 2012, I have attempted to clarify that the Application was initially supported by 74 out of 86 possible signatures from owners of developed Lots within the Cliff Ridge Colony community. I would further point out that failure to obtain signatures of *all* owners of developed Lots does not indicate wide-spread objection to the Application. Rather, in some instances it is the result of simple ambivalence. Since receiving PSC's Directive, I have tasked the Board of the Association to revisit efforts to obtain signatures and hereby submit four (4) additional signatures bringing the total in support of the Application to 78 out of 86 possible. The Board has commitments from two other owners such that it is anticipated that I will eventually obtain all but 6 signatures. In other words, the Application is supported by 93% of developed Lot owners.

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Additionally, I am in receipt of several letters to the Commission raising objection to the exemption for a variety of reasons. I submit to you that these letters do not contend that exemption from regulation is itself inappropriate. Rather, they consistently take exception to matters of Association governance, voting routines, and methods of communication. Behind these objections is a small group of individuals who are more than content to have the cost of their water usage subsidized by the owners of unimproved lots. Considering the absence of any for-profit motivation of the Association in the operation of its water system and the 93% of users content with the Association's fee-for-use structure, it remains true and unassailable that exemption from regulation in the present instance is proper.

Again, I thank the Commission for its time and consideration of this matter, and I respectfully request that the Association's Application be granted. With kindest regards, I remain

Yours very truly,

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